

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008***

The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm. Selectmen present were: Wes Moore, Michael Woodworth, and Rosanne Gilbert. Others present were: Chief Reed, Jamie Thompson, and John Crisp.

Proposed changes to the Personnel Policy were discussed. Michael made a motion to accept the revised Personnel Policy. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor. Chief Reed will have the final version available for signatures next week.

Sue McKinnon, Fire Chief Jeff Buxton, Building Inspector Larry Shaw, and Health Officer Eugene Perreault will be asked to attend next week's meeting to discuss mandatory background checks on employees and volunteers.

Nancy was asked to send reminders to those department heads that have not already scheduled an appointment to meet with the Budget Advisory Committee. Copies of the proposed budgets for 2009 are also required in advance of the appointments.

Wes asked the Budget Advisory Committee to help keep the tax rate down for next year. He asked for a hard, unbiased, fresh look at each department. He asked them to look at proposed new purchases to see if they could be put off for a year or more without any consequences to the Town.

The Budget Advisory Committee meetings have been posted and the public may attend any of the meetings. John Crisp said that the process they used last year with the various department heads worked well and feels that it will be the same this year. The increase to the 2008 budget was kept at 2.3 percent.

Checks were signed.

The renewal contract with Cartographics, Inc. was signed.

Correspondence from the State Department of Environmental Services was reviewed along with correspondence from the State Division of Parks and Recreation.

A letter from the Strafford Regional Planning Commission was read. A letter from Green Start was read. Correspondence from Comcast was reviewed. A letter from the

Community Development Finance Authority was read and will be passed along to the Town Planner.

Rosanne made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2008 OHRV Public Hearing as amended. Wes seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Rosanne made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2008 Selectmen's Meeting. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Wes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer
Administrative Assistant